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SUBJECT: Science Attache Program Level for 1955

National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 10 provides that "the Department of State shall have primary responsibility for the collection abroad for all government agencies of information in the basic sciences." The success of this program is dependent largely on the Department's ability to recruit working scientists of high professional standing in the scientific community for assignment as science attaches abroad. Incumbents of the present science attache positions are scheduled to complete their tours of duty this summer.

In order to permit the recruitment of appropriately qualified personnel, it has been necessary to determine at this time the program level which will be supported by the Department for fiscal year 1955. Five senior attache positions together with adequate clerical and travel fund support shall be provided. It is presently contemplated that science attaches will be assigned at [REDACTED] Two attache and two supporting clerical positions are included in the EUR Salaries and Expenses appropriation request and one attache and one supporting clerical position are included in the GOA request now pending before the Congress. The Office of Budget and Reports will fund the additional positions by appropriate reprogramming action. To the extent that funds may become available, continuing consideration shall be given to the desirability of assigning junior officers to support the reporting responsibilities of the science attaches.

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